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Dear Parents/Carers

It has been lovely to see all the Reception children after the summer break, both familiar and new faces. The first few days have seen the children excited and engaged within the setting and they have particularly enjoyed making marble runs and using the drainpipes to explore forces – pushing cars and rolling balls down the pipes. We cannot read them enough stories and there is nearly always an adult in the book area reading to the children. It is wonderful to see them so eager to listen to and discuss a range of picture books.

Forest School will be on a Tuesday afternoon again this year with the first session on Tuesday 29th September. Further information will be sent out shortly.

Thank you to all who have brought a change of clothes into school as we have very few spares and children can get wet and mucky during their play. Also a big thank you for all the named uniform, it has made it very easy for us to make sure children go home with all the correct items at the end of the school day if it is all named.

Please let us know if anyone different is collecting your child after school, either by letting the adult at the gate know or contacting the office, thank you.

The most important homework your child will have in the Reception year is reading. This includes listening to stories and bringing reading books home to read. For both Nursery and Reception children, reading stories to your children and talking about their day to extend their communication and language is invaluable. Children in Reception will soon be bringing home Reading Records, we would appreciate this being completed two or three times a week at home in order to build up a clear picture of the children's reading interests and development. Book bags and Reading Records should be in school every day.

Learning phonics is the first stepping stone to learning to read and write. Please be aware that there will be a phonics session for parents at 2.15 and 5.00 on Wednesday 30th September which will support you to help your child with this crucial area of learning at home. Further information will be sent out shortly.

I am so pleased with how confident and independent your children have been during their first few days of school. We have had lots of interesting conversations and I have been asked to join in with a lot of imaginative play, including having to be a T-Rex, traffic control and a knight!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support in helping your children to have such positive attitudes to school and look forward to a year full of fun and learning.

Yours faithfully

Miss L Malone
Medcroft Class Teacher

